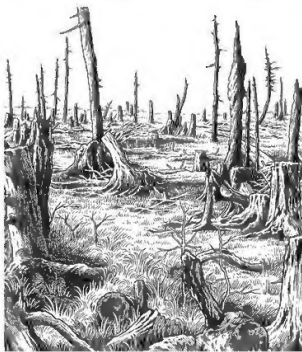




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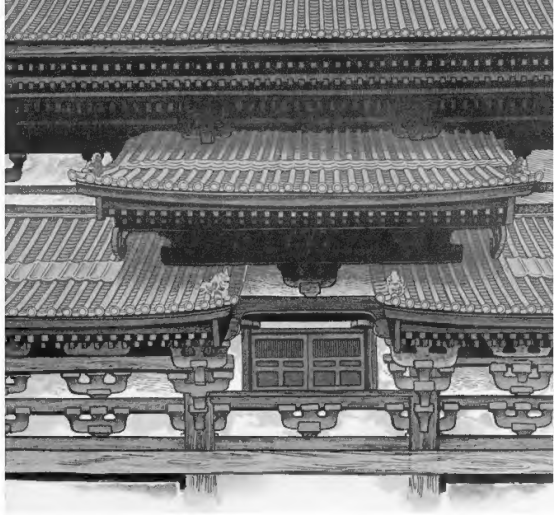
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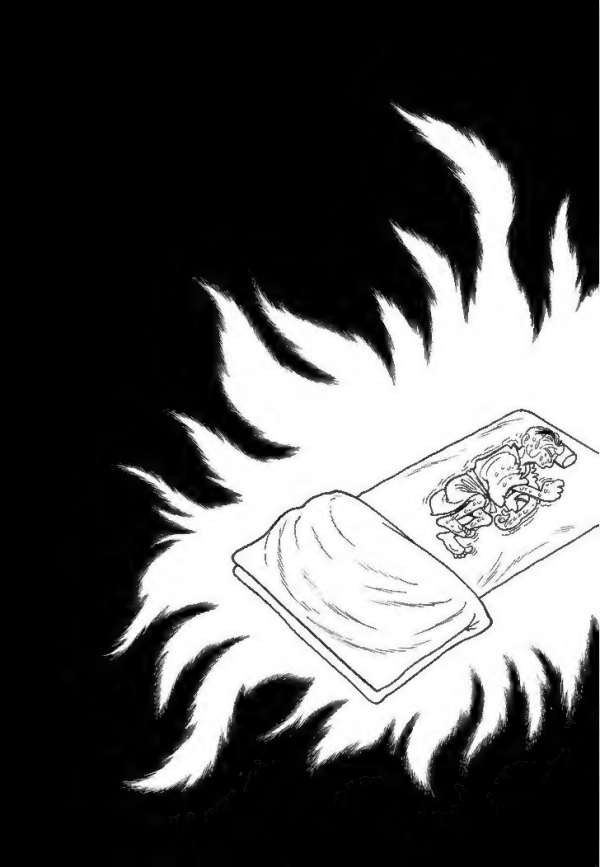
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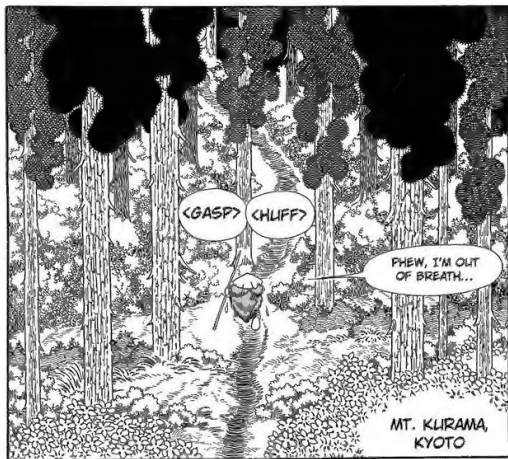




FEBRUARY, OF THE LEAP YEAR 1181

KIYOMORI FELL ILL WITH A HIGH
FEVER. HE WAS PROBABLY SUFFERING
FROM PNEUMONIA, WHICH HAD
DEVELOPED FROM A BAD COLD. BUT
THEN, SUDDENLY, HIS CONDITION
WORSENERD EVEN FURTHER....







ONE OF THE RUMORS I
HEARD SAYS THAT SAMURAI,
WITH HEADS OF HORSES
AND OXEN, CHARGED INTO
KIYOMORI'S COMPOUND
PULLING AN EMPTY COACH.
AND "MU" WAS WRITTEN ON
THE FRONT OF THE COACH!

IT'S THE
CHARACTER FOR
"NOTHING," AND
IN THIS CASE,
THEY SAY IT
ALSO MEANS A
"NEVER ENDING
HELL..."

B...BUT TELL
ME HOW HIS
LORDSHIP
IS...?

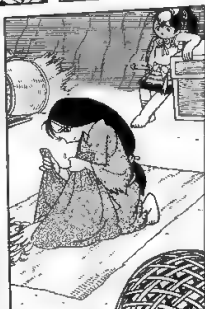
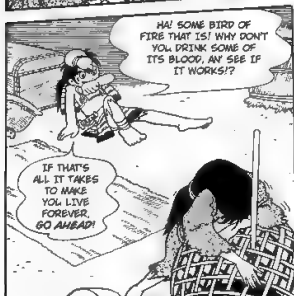
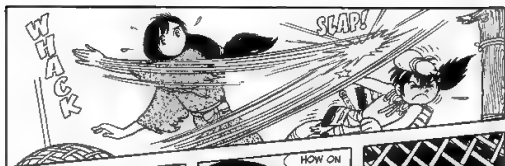
WELL, THEY SAY HIS
FEVER'S SO HOT THAT
THE BAMBOO BLINDS
AROUND HIM ARE
CHARRED, AN' EVEN THE
MICE ARE FRIED...

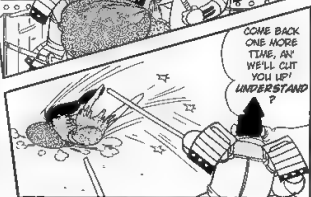
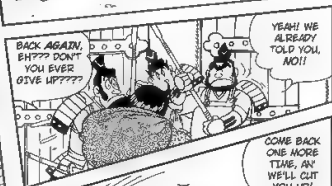
I MUST GO
TO HIM,
AT ONCE...

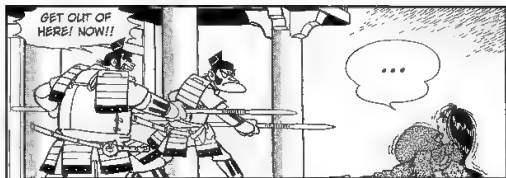
WAIT!

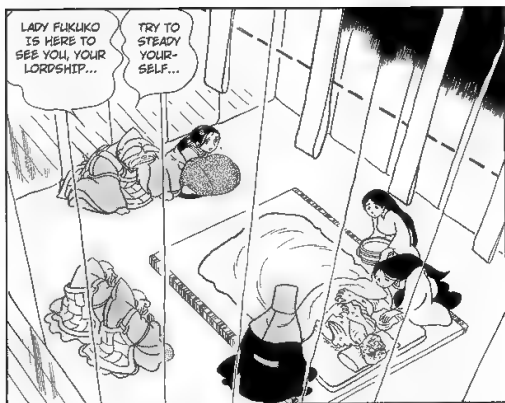




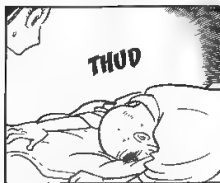


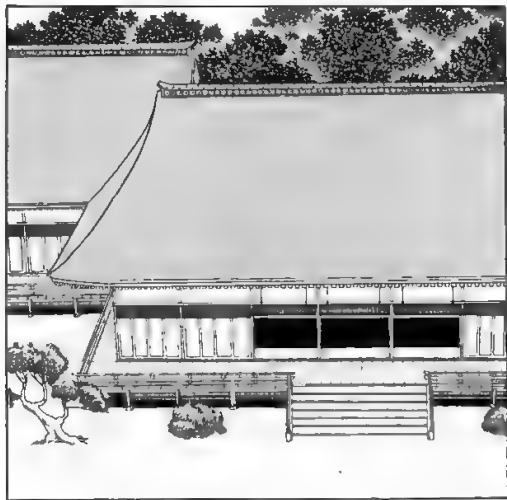
















G O N G O N G

IT'S
FINALLY
HAPPENED
!

KIYO-
MORI'S
DEAD!

KIYO-
MORI'S
REALLY
DEAD...

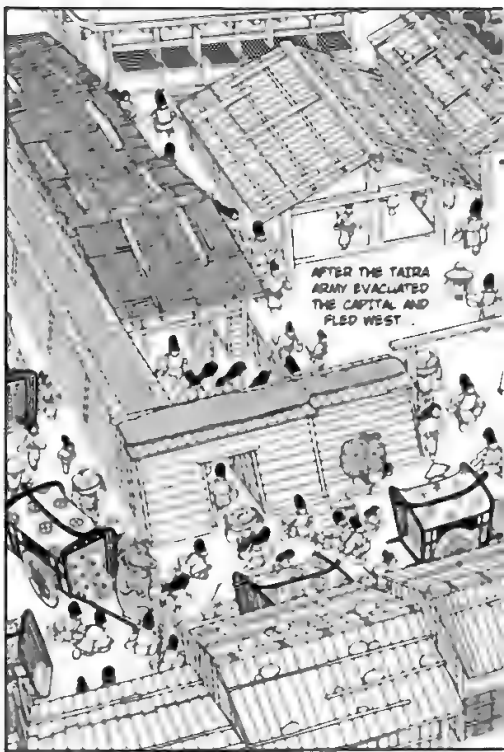
WHAT'LL
HAPPEN
NOW!?

ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER KIVOMOTO'S DEATH, KISO YOSHINAKA, OF THE NORTHERN REGION, LED AN UPRISING AGAINST THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. IT WAS ALMOST AS IF HE HAD BEEN WAITING FOR THE MOMENT ALL ALONG.

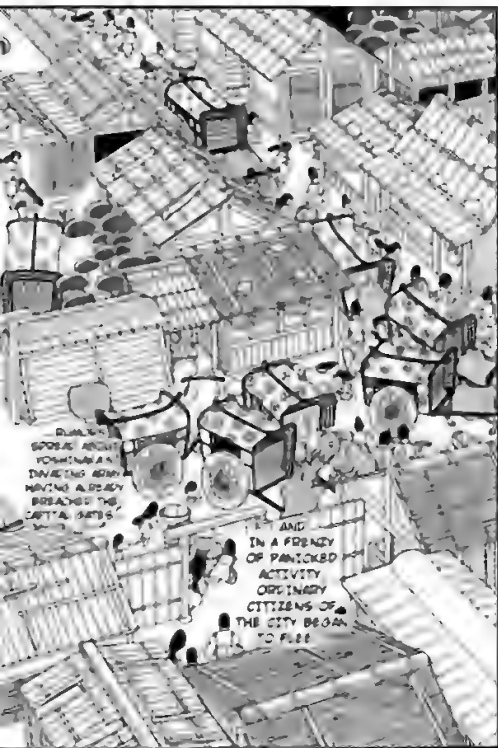
IN AN EFFORT TO BLUNT YOSHINAKA'S CHALLENGE, THE TAIRA CLAN HASTILY RAISED A HUGE ARMY, BUT THEIR DISORGANIZATION SOON LED TO A MAJOR DEFEAT AT KURIKURA PASS, AND THEY WERE FORCED TO RETREAT BACK TO THE CAPITAL IN DISARRAY.

CAPITALIZING ON THE MOMENTUM OF HIS VICTORY, YOSHINAKA LED HIS ARMY TO THE CAPITAL. THE TAIRA RESPONDED BY SETTING FIRE TO THEIR OWN HOMES. THEN, AFTER TAKING THE YOUNG EMPEROR SANJOKU WITH THEM, THE TAIRA FLED WESTWARD TO THE ISLAND OF SHIKOKU.



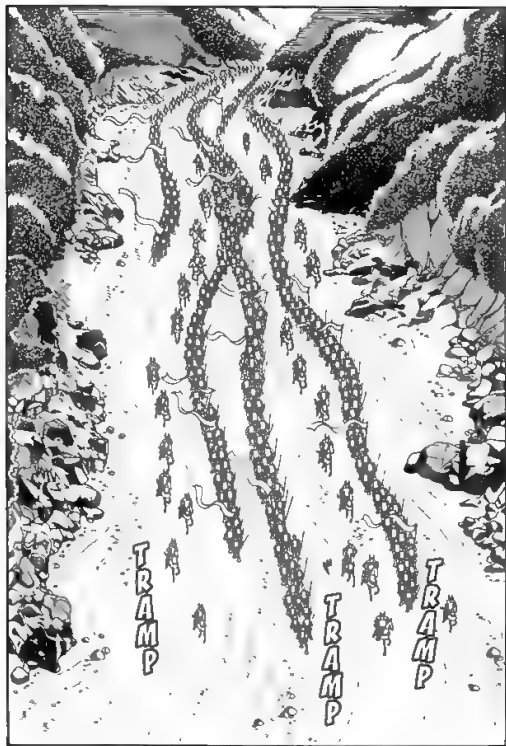


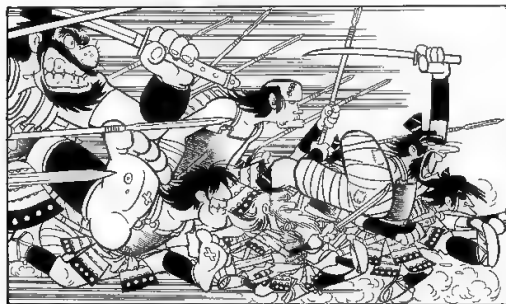
AFTER THE TAIIRA
ARMY EVACUATED
THE CAPITAL AND
FLED WEST .

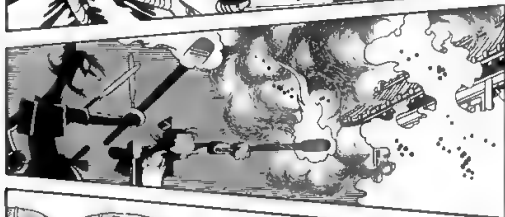
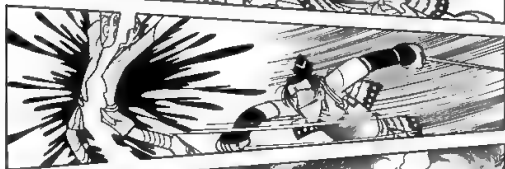


PEOPLE
SPOKE ABOUT
FORMERLY
DWARFING ARMY
HAVING A DEEDY
BROUGHT THE
CAPITAL CITIES

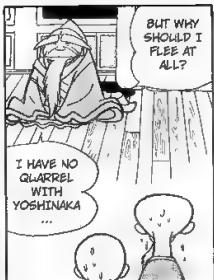
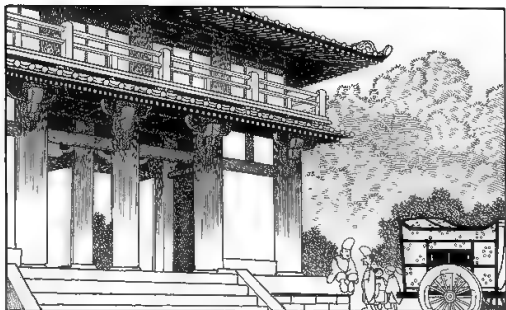
AND
IN A FRENZY
OF PANICKED
ACTIVITY
ORDINARY
CITIZENS OF
THE CITY BEGAN
TO FLEE

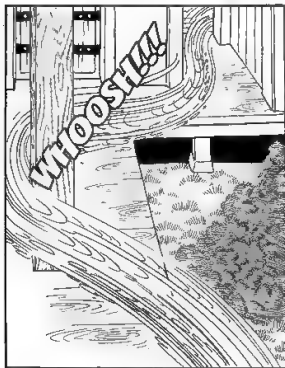






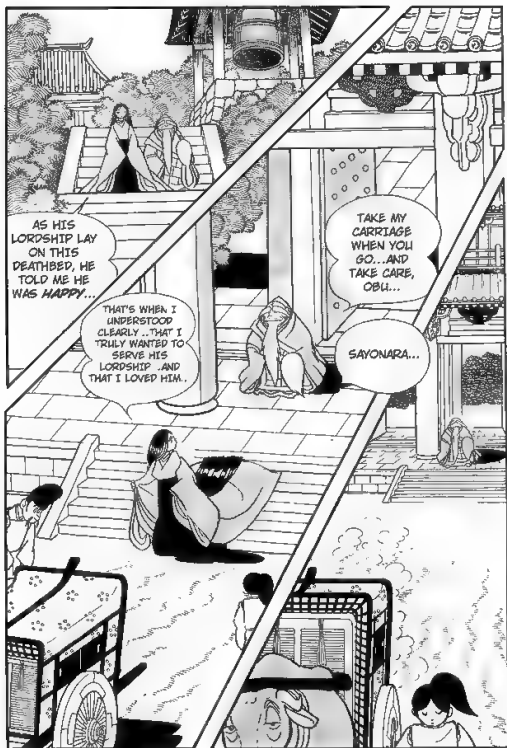












AS HIS LORDSHIP LAY ON THIS DEATHBED, HE TOLD ME HE WAS HAPPY...

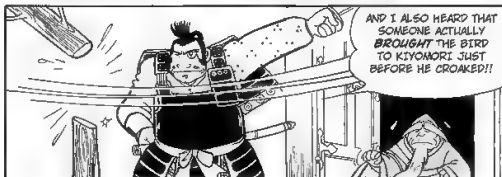
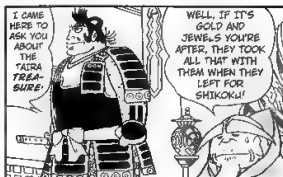
THAT'S WHEN I UNDERSTOOD CLEARLY... THAT I TRULY WANTED TO SERVE HIS LORDSHIP... AND THAT I LOVED HIM.

TAKE MY CARRIAGE WHEN YOU GO... AND TAKE CARE, OBU...

SAYONARA...







WELL, I
WANT THAT
FIREBIRD
FOR
MYSELF!

EVER SINCE I
FIRST HEARD THE
STORY, I'VE BEEN
DREAMING THAT
I'D FIND THE BIRD
WHEN I ENTERED
THE CAPITAL!

BUT I CAN'T
LOCATE THE
BLASTED THING
ANYWHERE!

OF COURSE YOU
CAN'T FIND THE
FIREBIRD. IT
WAS JUST AN
ORDINARY BIRD,
THAT'S WHY!

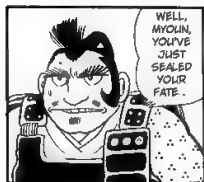
NO! YOU'RE
LYING!

HOW CAN A BIRD
THAT KIVOKORI
PAID A FORTUNE
FOR TO SOME
CHINESE TRADERS
JUST BE AN
ORDINARY
BIRD?

AH, BUT WHY
DOES A FAMOUS
WARRIOR LIKE
YOU EVEN WANT
THE FIREBIRD'S
BLOOD? SURELY,
YOU'RE NOT
AFRAID OF
DYING, ARE
YOU?

HAH!!





WELL,
MYOUN,
YOU'VE
JUST
SEALED
YOUR
FATE..



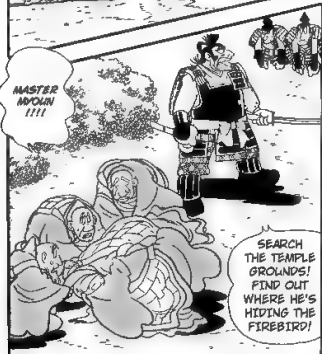
IF I WERE
YOU, LORD
YOSHINAKA,
I'D FORGET
ABOUT
SOMETHING
AS
ILLUSORY
AS "THE
BIRD OF
FIRE."

IT'S JUST A SYMBOL OF
PEOPLE'S PATHETIC DESIRE
TO LIVE FOREVER. AFTER
ALL, ALL CREATURES THAT
LIVE MUST ALSO DIE..



SHWAP!

I'VE HAD
ENOUGH OF YOUR
PREACHING,
MYOUN! IT'S
TIME FOR YOU
TO DIE NOW!



MASTER
MYOUN
!!!!

SEARCH
THE TEMPLE
GROUNDS!
FIND OUT
WHERE HE'S
HIDING THE
FIREBIRD!

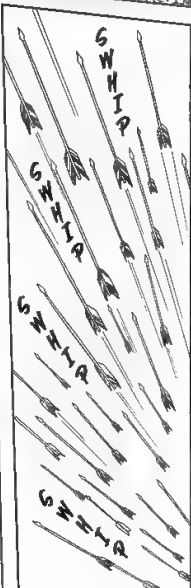


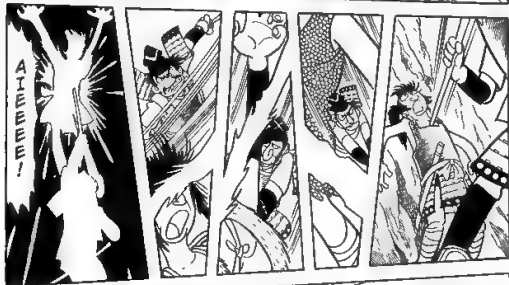
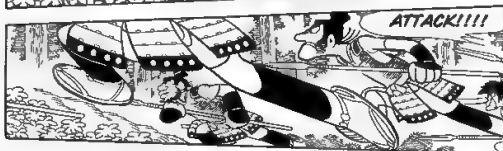
SHADDUP,
YOU
OLD
FOOL!!!

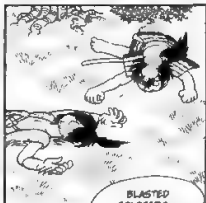
PLEASE!
DON'T DAMAGE
THOSE
SCROLLS!
THOSE ARE OUR
MASTER'S
PRICELESS
WRITINGS!!!









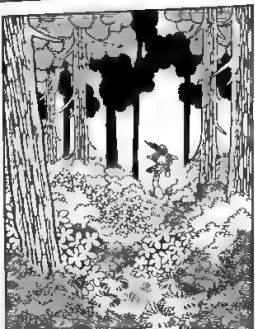
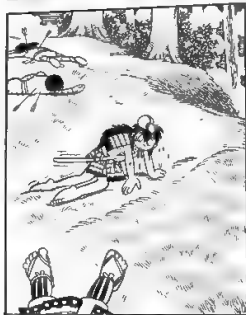
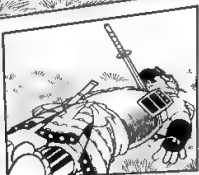
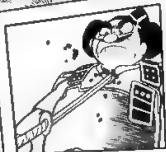
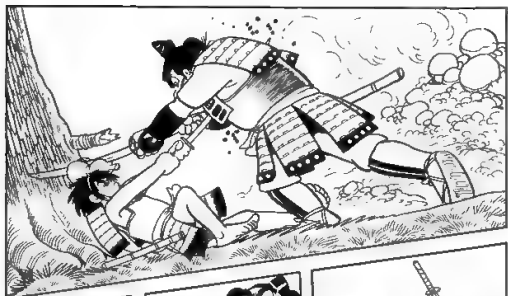


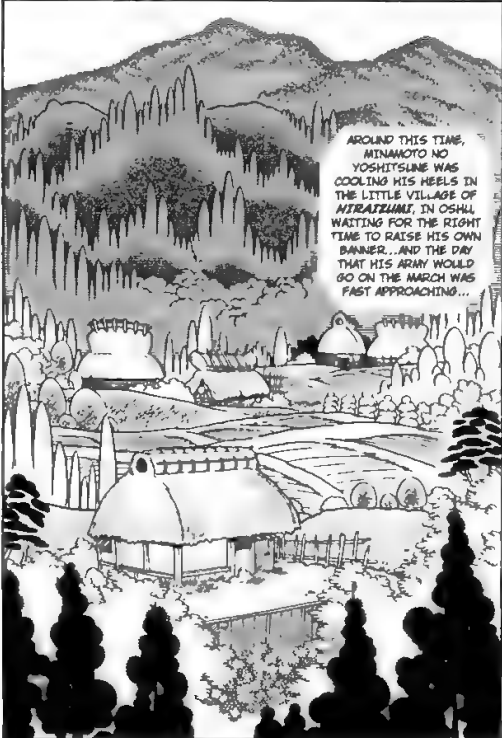


WHAT?
TH. THE CAVE
ENTRANCE'S
BEEN
SEALED?

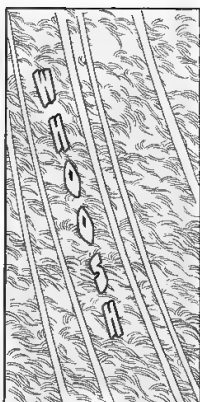
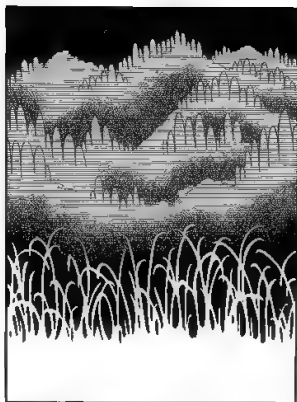


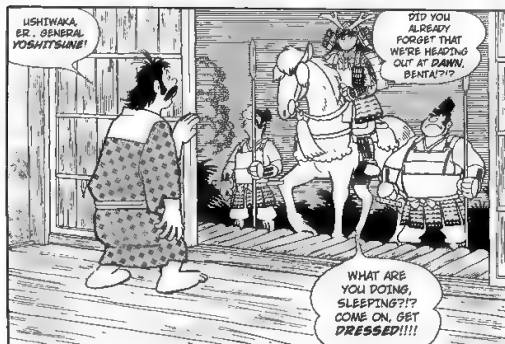
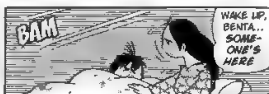
TAKE
THIS,
YOU
LITTLE
BRAT!





AROUND THIS TIME,
MINAMOTO NO
YOSHITSUNE WAS
COOLING HIS HEELS IN
THE LITTLE VILLAGE OF
HIRAZUMI, IN OSHU,
WAITING FOR THE RIGHT
TIME TO RAISE HIS OWN
BANNER...AND THE DAY
THAT HIS ARMY WOULD
GO ON THE MARCH WAS
FAST APPROACHING...



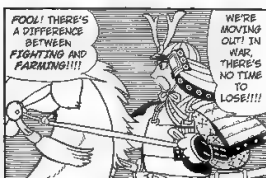




WELL, THE HARVEST'S GONNA START SOON, RIGHT?

AN' YOU SAID WE COULDN'T GO TO THE CAPITAL RIGHT AWAY, ANYWAY.

SCRATCH SCRATCH



FOOL! THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FIGHTING AND FARMING!!!!

WE'RE MOVING OUT! IN WAR, THERE'S NO TIME TO LOSE!!!!



WELL, LIKE I KEEP TEL-LING YOU, I'M REALLY NOT CUT OUT FOR THIS SAMURAI AN' WAR STUFF.

I'LL STAY HERE AND DEAL WITH THE HARVEST THIS TIME WHILE YOU GUYS GO OFF AN' FIGHT.

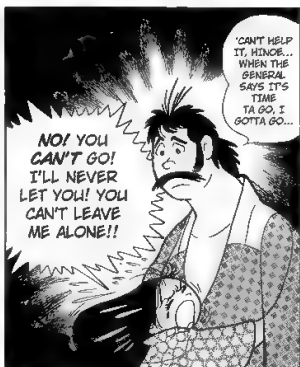
NO EXCUSES, BENTA! WE'RE GOING TO THE CAPITAL! NOW!!!!



SORRY, HINOE. HE SAYS WE'RE GOIN' TA WAR

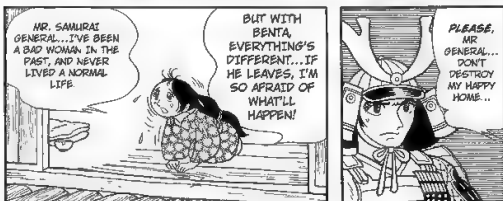
I GOTTA GET READY TA LEAVE...

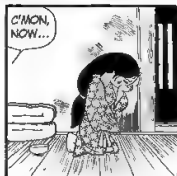
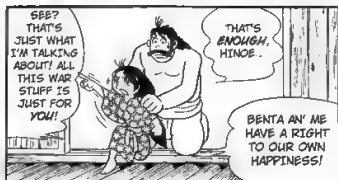
LEAVE?! YOU'RE LEAVING ALREADY?

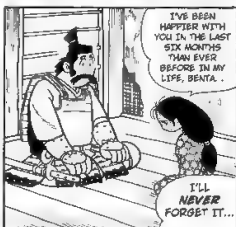
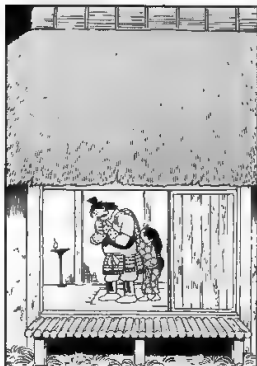


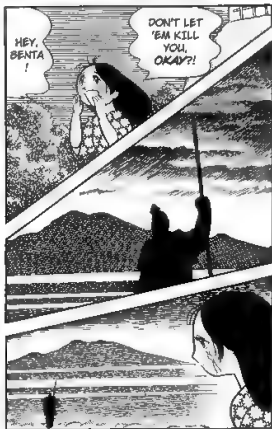
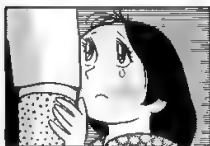
NO! YOU CAN'T GO! I'LL NEVER LET YOU! YOU CAN'T LEAVE ME ALONE!!

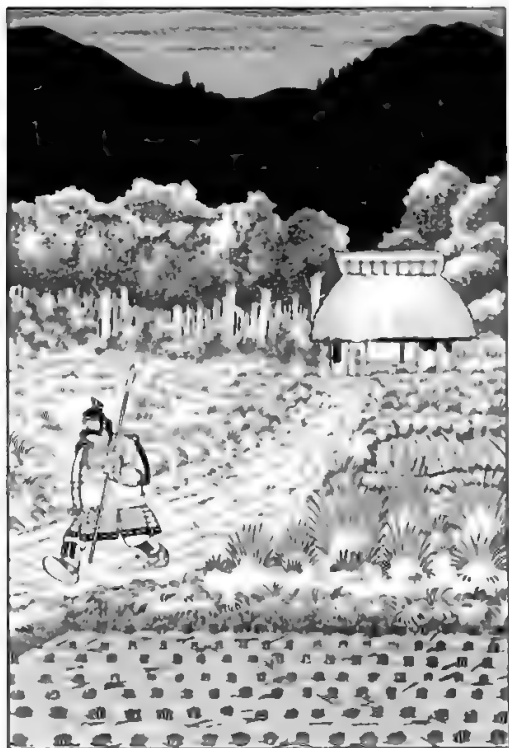
'CAN'T HELP IT, HINOE... WHEN THE GENERAL SAYS IT'S TIME TA GO, I GOTTA GO...





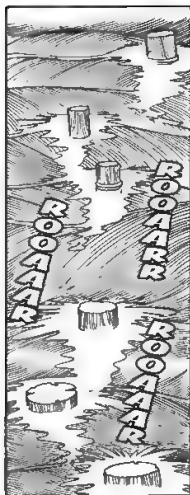
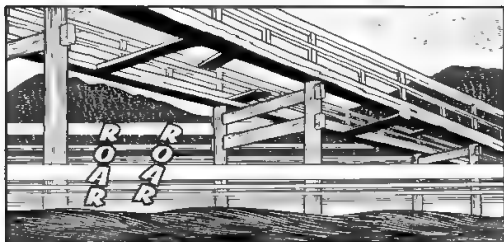




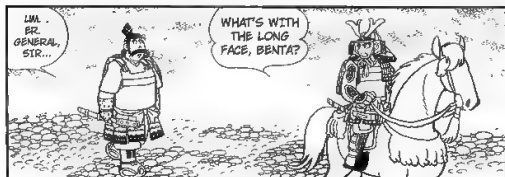


20TH DAY OF THE 1ST MONTH OF
THE 3RD YEAR OF JUEI (1184).
THE UJI RIVER, KYOTO.

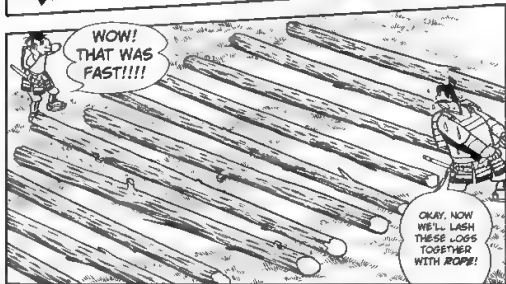
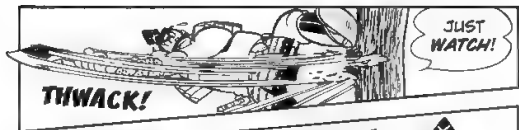


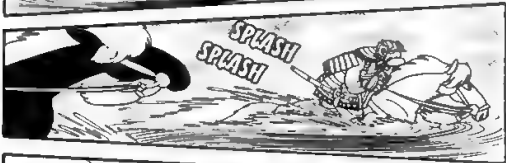
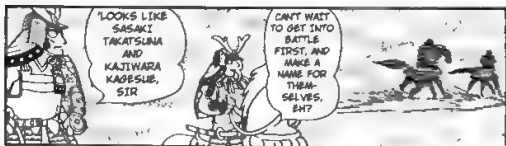


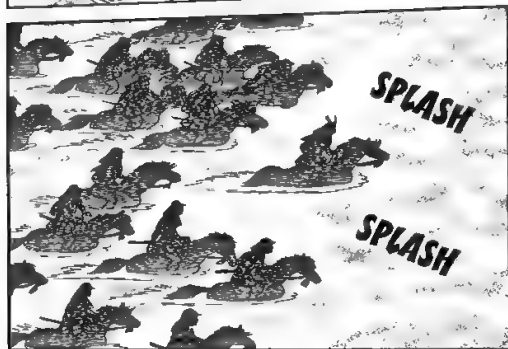
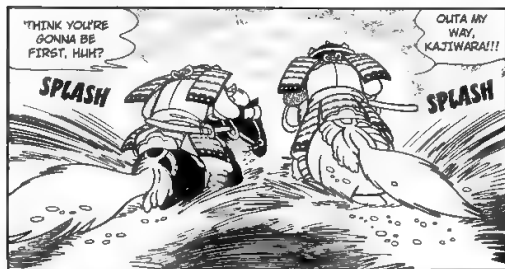


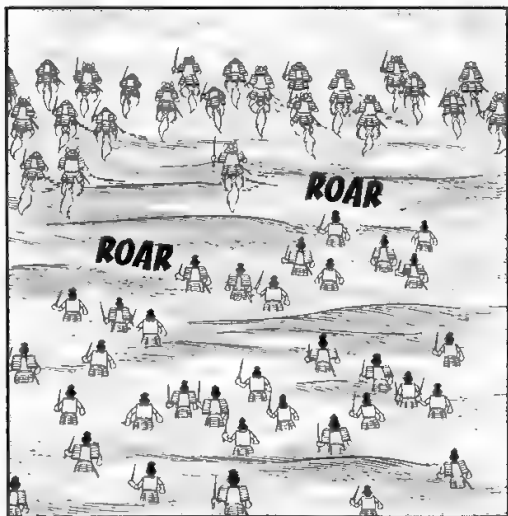


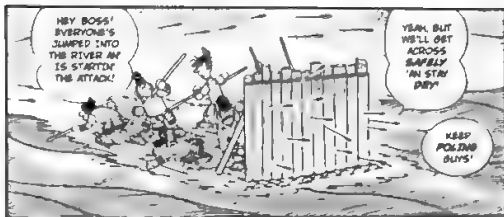












HEY BOSS!
EVERYONE'S
JUMPED INTO
THE RIVER AN
IS STARTIN'
THE ATTACK!

YEAH, BUT
WE'LL GET
ACROSS
SAFELY
'AN STRAY
DEY!

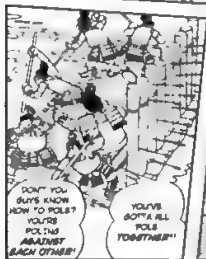
KEEP
POLEING
GUYS!



WE'RE TRYIN',
BOSS!!!!



HEY! WE'RE
DRIFTING!
POLE
HARDER!



DON'T YOU
GUYS KNOW
HOW TO POLE?
YOU'RE
POLEING
AGAINST
EACH OTHER!

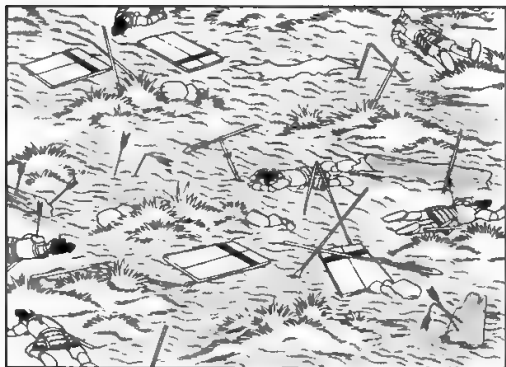
YOU'VE
GOTTA ALL
POLE
TOGETHER!!

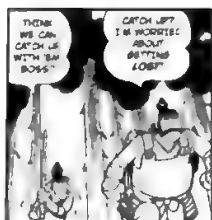


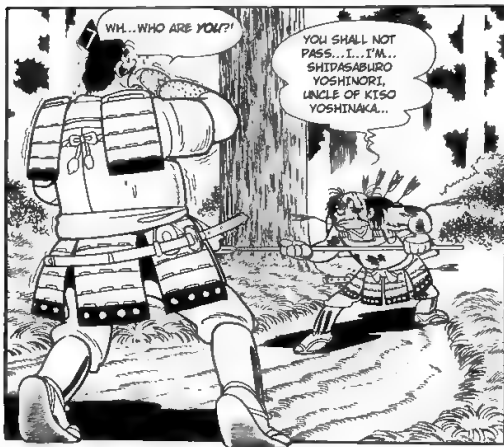
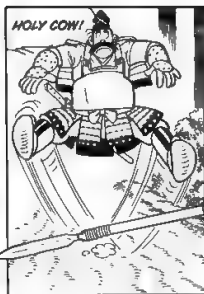
WH OH! THE
CURRENT'S
PULLIN' US
DOWNSTREAM!

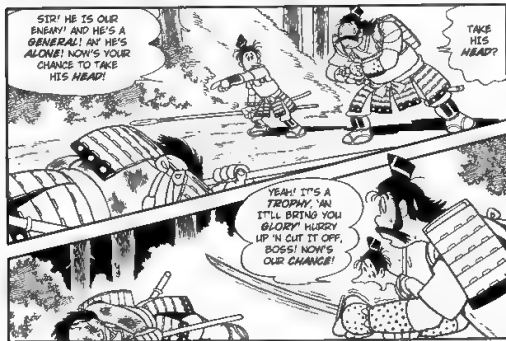
YIKES!! WE'RE
IN TROUBLE
NOW!



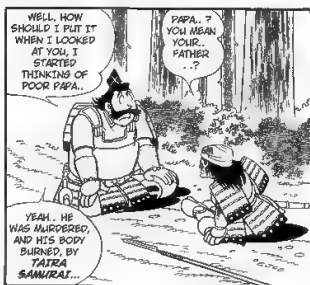


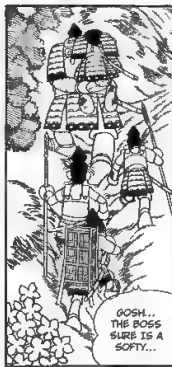
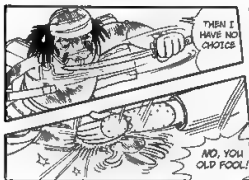




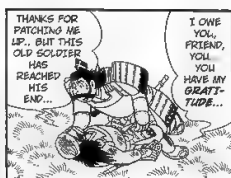








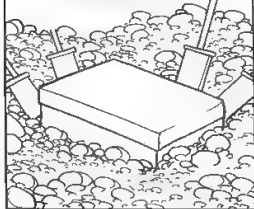








I ASKED THE TEMPLE'S ABBOT ABOUT IT, AND LO AND BEHOLD, SOON HIGH PRIEST MYOUN OF THE TENDAI SECT APPEARED. HE TOLD ME THAT HE THOUGHT A BIRD HAD BEEN BURIED THERE, AND THAT A SERVICE HAD BEEN HELD FOR ITS SOUL...



I DUG IT UP AND, SURE ENOUGH, IT WAS THE BIRD OF FIRE...





THERE'S EVEN MORE...WHILE HE WAS STILL IN SUWA, YOSHINAKA MADE A PILGRIMAGE TO THE FAMOUS SUWA SHRINE, AND SPENT SEVERAL DAYS PRAYING FOR SUCCESS IN BATTLE. THEN, ON THE LAST DAY, THE GODS FINALLY SPOKE TO HIM..





ACK! MY WHOLE
CLAN DESTROYED?!
NO SURVIVING
DESCENDANTS
AT ALL? CAN
THAT REALLY BE
MY FATE?

B...BUT
WHAT DID
THE BIRD
SYMBOLIZE?

NOW
LET'S
SEE
A LARGE
MOUNTAIN
BIRD..

WHEN I WAS LIVING
IN THE CAPITAL, I
RECALL HEARING
ABOUT A BIRD
WHOSE BLOOD HELD
THE SECRET TO
ETERNAL LIFE

IT WAS
CALLED THE
BIRD OF
FIRE, OR
FIREBIRD

I'M SURE IT
WAS THE SAME BIRD
THEY SAY KIYOMORI
WAS KEEPING

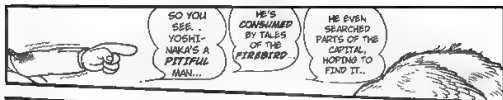
SO IT'S
PROBABLY A SIGN...
MEANING THAT IF
YOU CAN FIND THE
FIREBIRD, YOU'LL
BE ABLE TO SAVE
YOUR FAMILY...

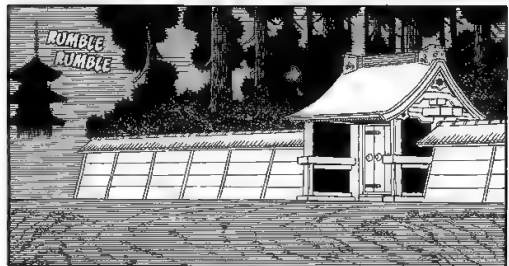
I'M HEADING
FOR THE
CAPITAL
RIGHT
AWAY...

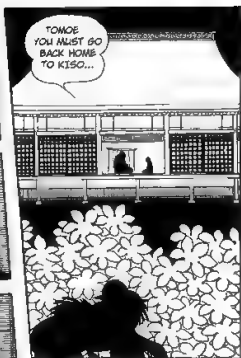
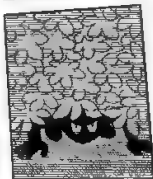
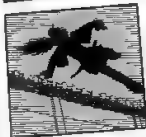
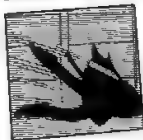
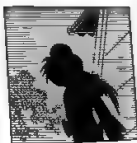
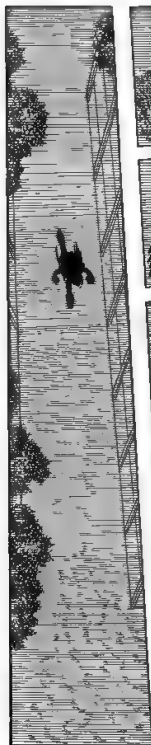
AND I'LL
FIND THE
BIRD!

I'M NOT
AFRAID
OF
DYING...

BUT I'LL
NEVER LET
MY CLAN
DIE OUT!

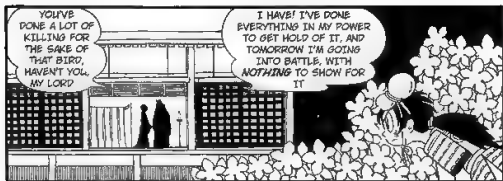












YOU'VE
DONE A LOT OF
KILLING FOR
THE SAKE OF
THAT BIRD.
HAVEN'T YOU,
MY LORD

I HAVE! I'VE DONE
EVERYTHING IN MY POWER
TO GET HOLD OF IT, AND
TOMORROW I'M GOING
INTO BATTLE, WITH
NOTHING TO SHOW FOR
IT



WHY DON'T
WE BOTH
RETURN TO
KISO, MY
LORD?

ME?
RETURN TO
KISO? HAH!
I'VE STILL
GOT SOME
PRIDE...
THERE'S
NO WAY I'M
GOING TO
LET
YOSHITSUNE
SEE ME
RUNNING
AWAY.

BUT EARLIER, YOU
SAID YOU FELT AS
THOUGH IT WAS ALL
USELESS, THAT THERE
WAS NOTHING FOR YOU
IN THE CAPITAL.
IF THAT'S TRUE, LET'S
JUST LEAVE!

...



IT'S NOT THAT
FAR FROM
KISO TO THE
CAPITAL... YOU
CAN VISIT
WHENEVER
YOU WANT

IF THE
BATTLE
GOES WELL
TOMORROW,
LET'S MOVE
BACK TO
KISO, MY
LORD

PERHAPS,
IF I'M
STILL
ALIVE.



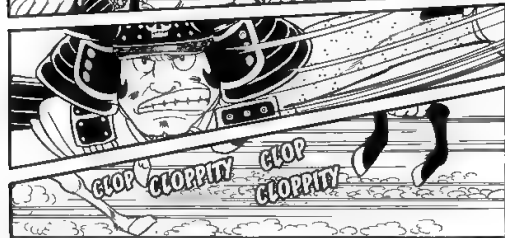
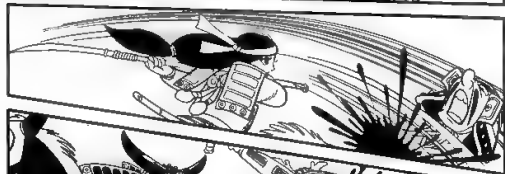
I'LL
TELL
YOU
WHAT,
TOMOR.
IF I
SURVIVE
...

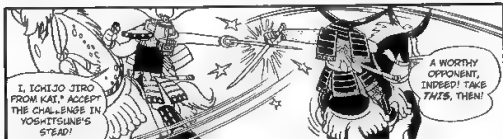
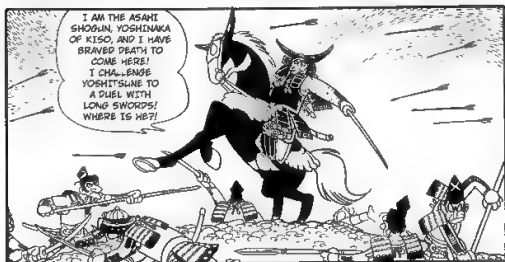
I PROMISE,
I'LL DO AS
YOU SAY

YOU'D
BETTER GET
SOME REST,
DEAR

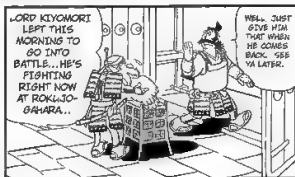
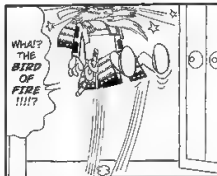
AH,
YES...
REST..







* NOTE: PRESENT-DAY YAMANASHI PREFECTURE







TOMOE!
ARE YOU
ALL
RIGHT!?

YES, MY
LORD...

I CAN'T
BELIEVE I
SURVIVED!
IT'S A
MIRACLE!



NO MATTER HOW MANY ENEMIES
I KILLED, THEY KEPT COMING IN
WAVES! THEY WERE WORTHY
OPPONENTS!

AH, BUT
NOW IT'S
JUST THE
TWO OF
US
LEFT.



I HATE TO
SAY IT, BUT
THE BATTLE
IS OVER
FOR US, MY
LORD



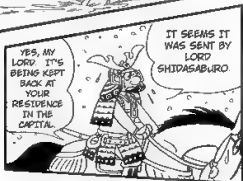
I KNOW...

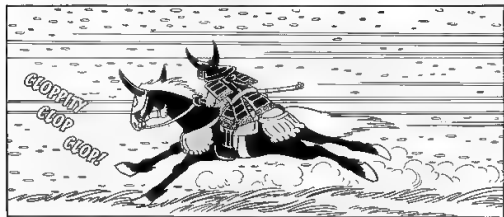
WE'RE AT
RYUGEKOE NOW...IF
WE GO STRAIGHT
AHEAD, WE'LL BE
GOING NORTH...

LET'S
FLEE TO
HOKURIKU,
MY LORD.
PLEASE...

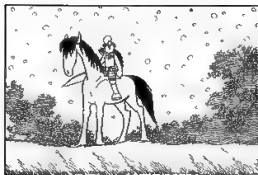


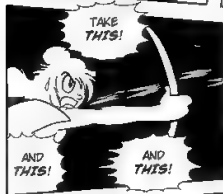
IF WE GO
BACK, THEY'LL
CUT US DOWN
LIKE DOGS.
LET'S GO
HOME, MY
LORD...
HOME TO
KISO!

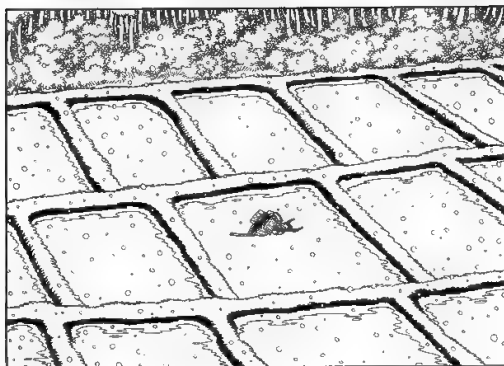


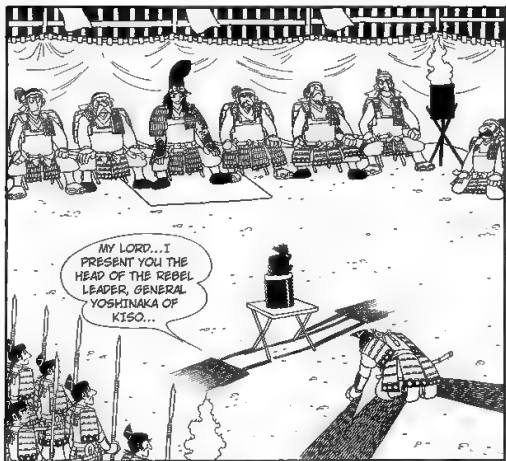






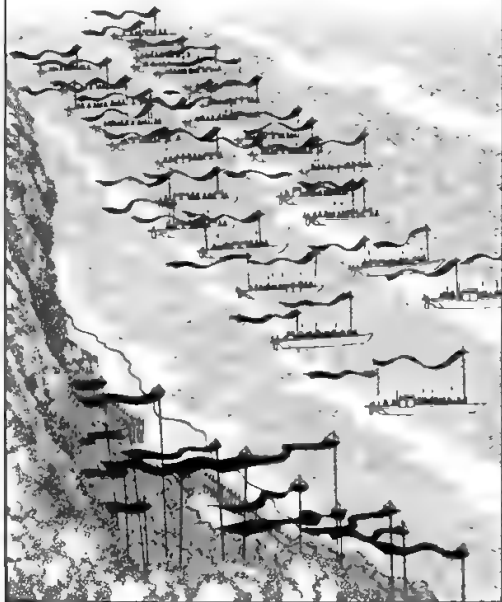


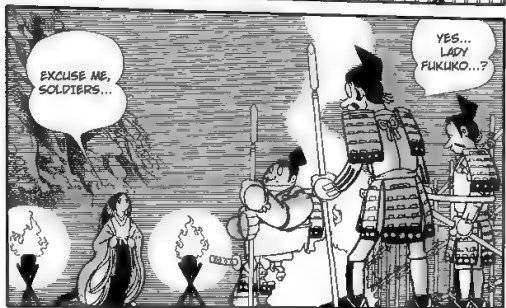
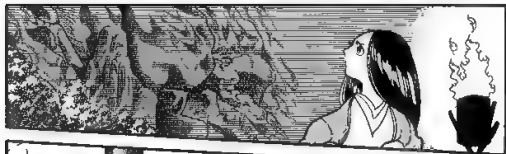
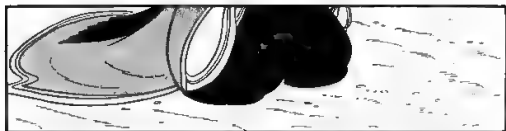




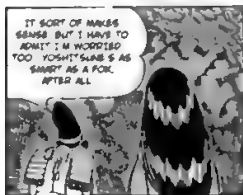


THE TAIRA ASSEMBLED LINE AFTER LINE OF
TROOPS ON THE SHORE OF THE RECENTLY
ABANDONED CAPITAL OF FUKUHARA IN HYOGO
PROVINCE AND THEY DEPLOYED SO MANY BOATS
THAT IT RESEMBLED A LAYER OF FOG UPON
THE SEA. AND THERE THEY WAITED...
FOR YOSHITSUNE'S FORCES TO ATTACK....





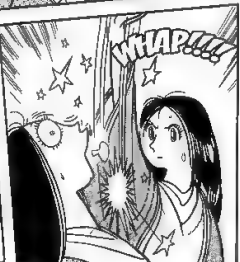


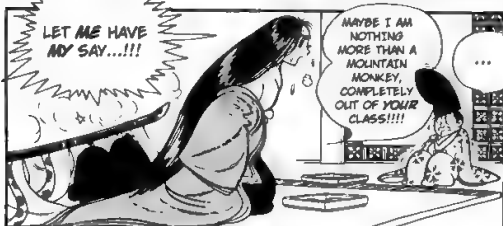
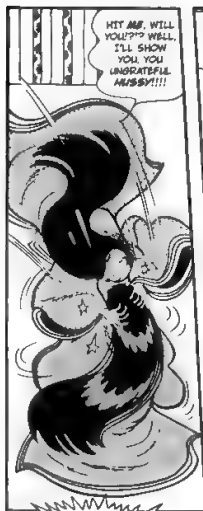




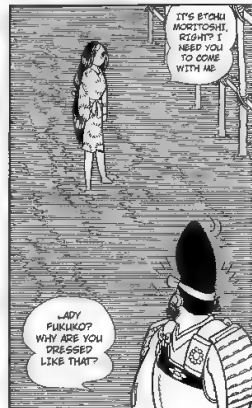
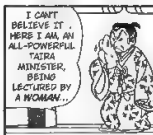
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT YOU TO DO FOR ME LATER .

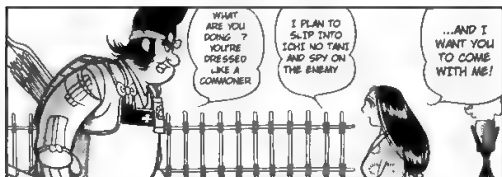


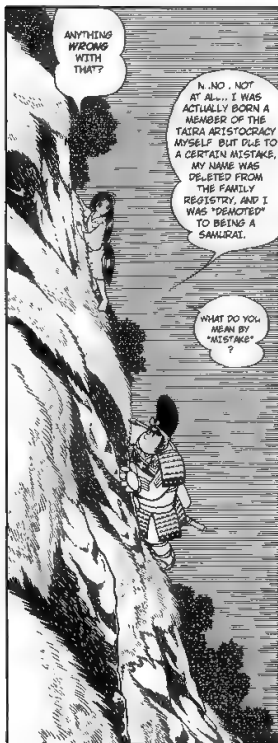












ANYTHING
WRONG
WITH
THAT?

N...NO. NOT
AT ALL... I WAS
ACTUALLY BORN A
MEMBER OF THE
TAIRA ARISTOCRACY
MYSELF BUT DUE TO
A CERTAIN MISTAKE,
MY NAME WAS
DELETED FROM
THE FAMILY
REGISTRY, AND I
WAS "DEMOTED"
TO BEING A
SAHLIRAI.

WHAT DO YOU
MEAN BY
"MISTAKE"
?



HEH, HEH.
WELL, I FELL
IN LOVE
WITH A
COMMONER.



OH...



SHE WAS A YOUNG
STREET-VENDOR, AND I
LOVED HER MORE THAN
ANYTHING ELSE. MY
PARENTS WERE
AGAINST IT, OF
COURSE, BUT
I WOULDN'T
LISTEN
TO THEM.



SO I WAS
BANISHED
FROM THE
PALACE AND
DISOWNED
BY THE
CLAN...



I MARRIED
THE GIRL
AND WAS
LIVING
WITH HER
PEACEFULLY
IN A QUIET
CORNER
OF THE
CAPITAL.





DO YOU THINK
YOUR BABY
MIGHT HAVE
SURVIVED TO
GROW UP
SOMEWHERE
ELSE?



I DON'T
KNOW HE
HAD A RED
BIRTHMARK
ON THE END
OF HIS
NOSE.

I'D RECOGNIZE
HIM IN A SECOND
IF I RAN INTO
HIM, BUT I'VE
NEVER SEEN ANY
YOUNG PERSON
WHO LOOKS LIKE
HIM



TELL ME,
MORITOSHI,
WHY DO YOU
THINK WE
HAVE SO MANY
WARS?

IT SEEMS
LIKE SO MANY
INNOCENT
PEOPLE GET
CAUGHT UP IN
THEM, AND DIE



IF YOU THINK
ABOUT IT,
NOT EVEN THE
SAMURAI
PROFIT FROM
ALL THESE
WARS



DON'T YOU
THINK
HUMANITY'S
SORT OF
STUPID?



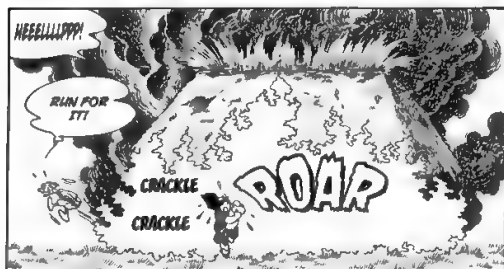
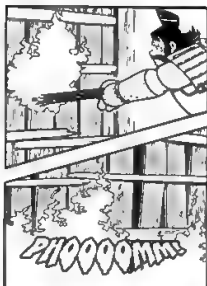
WELL, THAT'S
SOMETHING I DON'T
KNOW ABOUT BUT I
GUESS YOU COULD
SAY THAT SAMURAI
LIVE TO FIGHT

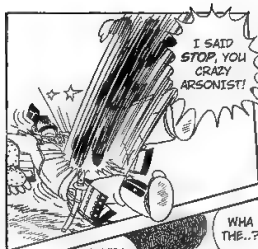
SHHH! I
HEAR
SOME-
THING











I SAID
STOP, YOU
CRAZY
ARSONIST!



HEY!
IF IT
ISN'T LIL'
GOURD-
HEAD!

WHAT'S
THE
SAMURAI
OUTFIT
FOR,
BENTA?
DON'T TELL
ME YOU'VE
BECOME
ONE OF
THEM.



HEY...
YOU'RE
BENTA,
RIGHT?!

WHAT'RE
YOU DOING
HERE,
TORCHING
FARM-
HOUSES?!

WHA
THE...?



AH, I HAVE
I'M
I'M A
COMMANDER
NOW! NAME'S
IIMORI
BENTA
YAMAIMO.

YOU LOOK LIKE
YOU'VE GROWN UP A
BIT YOURSELF...

HMPH...



I'VE BEEN
SECRETLY
FOLLOWING
YOSHITSUNE
ALL THE WAY
HERE...

OF ALL
PEOPLE,
BENTA, I
NEVER
DREAMED
THAT I'D FIND
YOU IN THE
MIDDLE OF
HIS ARMY...!



HEY, DON'T
SAY THAT,
GOURD-
HEAD.. I'VE
GOT MY
REASONS...

REASONS, SCHMEEZONS!
I'M GONNA GO GIVE
YOSHITSUNE—THE GUY WE
KNEW AS USHIWAKA—A
PIECE OF MY MIND! HE CAN
GO TO WAR ALL HE LIKES,
BUT WHEN HE'S KIL-IN' AN'
BURNIN' INNOCENT FOLKS,
HE'S GOIN' TOO FAR!

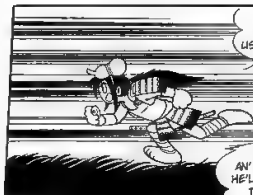


NOW
HOLD
ON,
GOULD-
HEAD!



FORGET
ABOUT
MEETING
HIM...HE
MIGHT KILL
YOU!

NO! I
KNOW
USHIMARU...



AN' I KNOW
HE'LL LISTEN
TO ME!

WHAT?!



HEY! WHO'S
THERE?! SHOW
YOURSELF!!

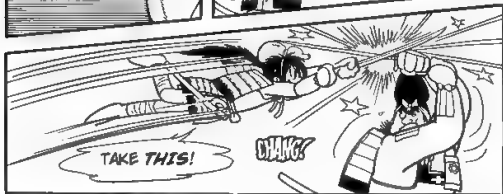
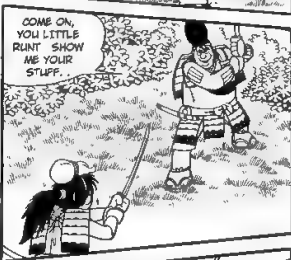
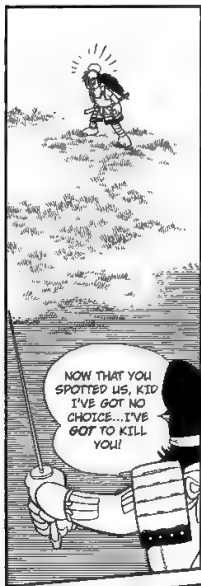
UH, OH...
HE
SPOTTED
US...

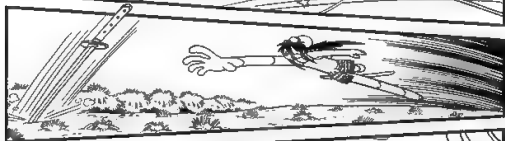


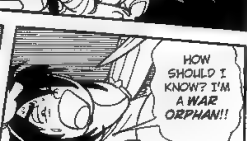
LOOKS
LIKE WE'VE
GOT A
PROBLEM
HERE, LADY
FUKUKO.

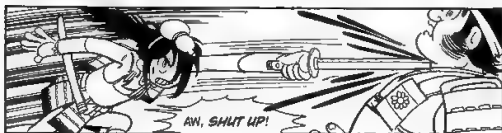
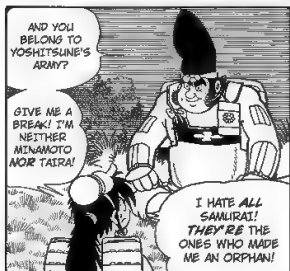
YOU'D BETTER
GO BACK...I'LL
HANDLE THIS
SOMEHOW...

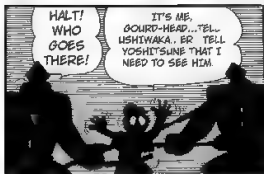
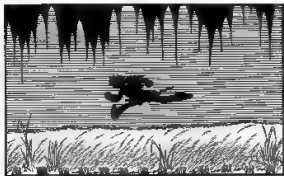
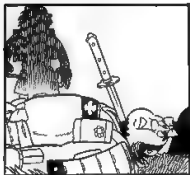
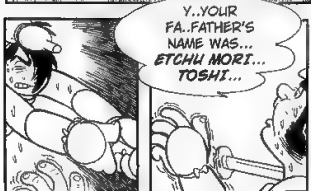
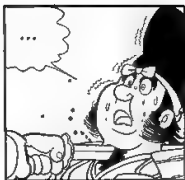












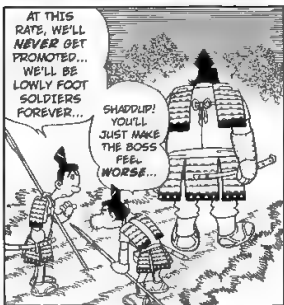


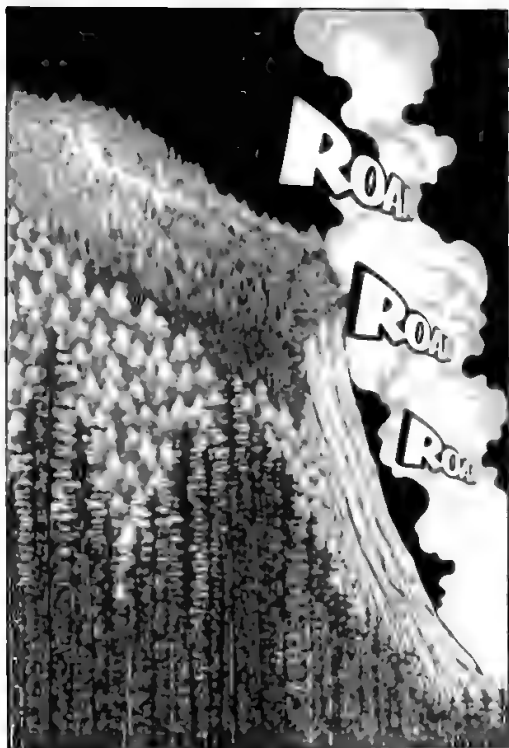




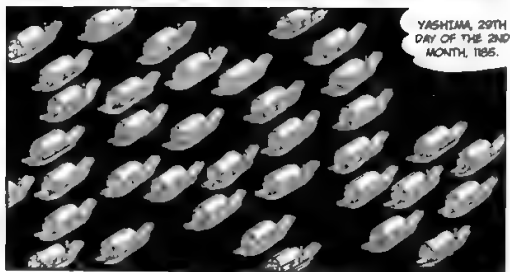
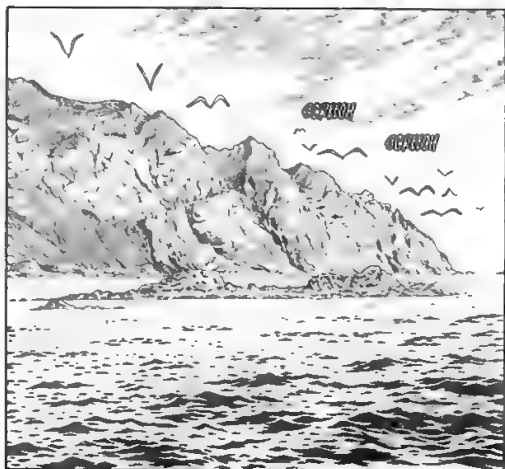


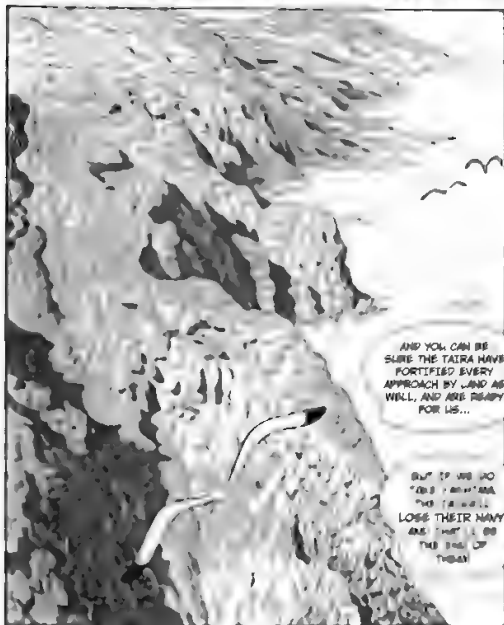


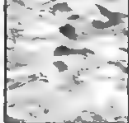
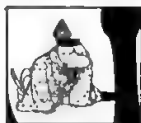
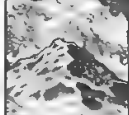
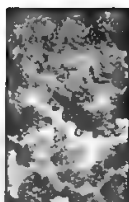
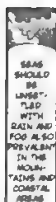
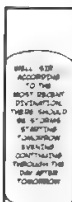


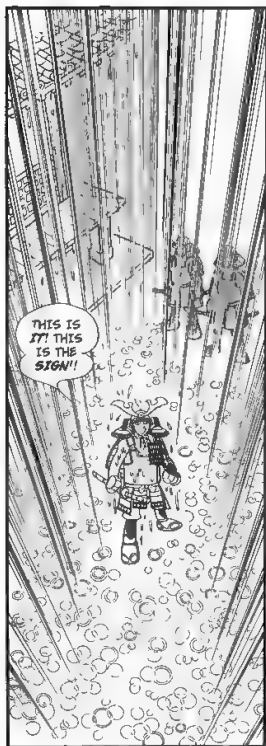












YUP.
WE'RE
GONNA BE
STUCK
HERE FOR
A WHILE.
THAT'S FOR
SURE



AAAA.
HOME
COOKIN',
EH
BOSS?

SURE
SMELL'S
GOOD, SI

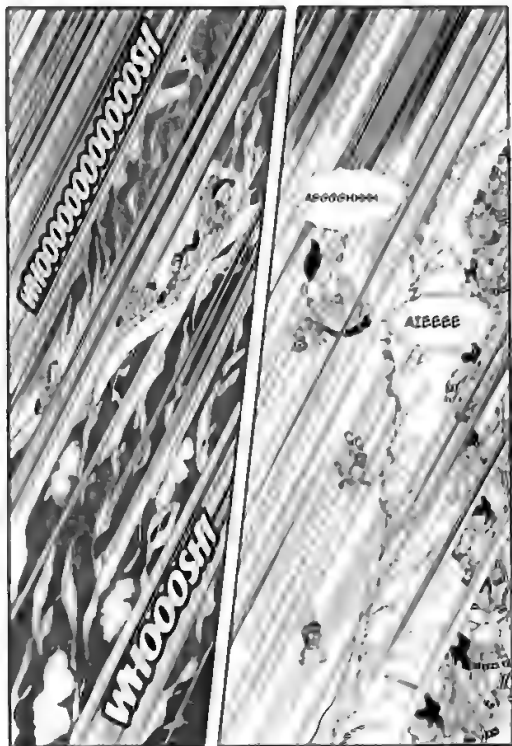


IT'S
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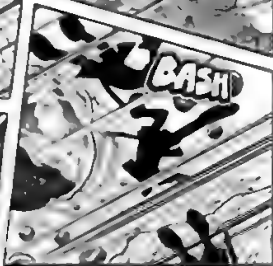
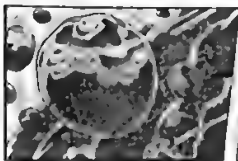
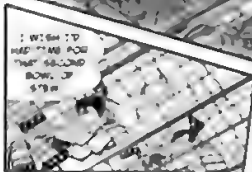
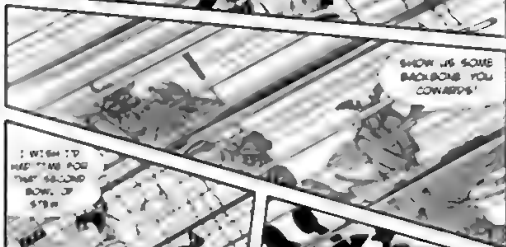
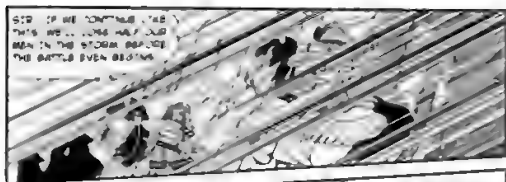


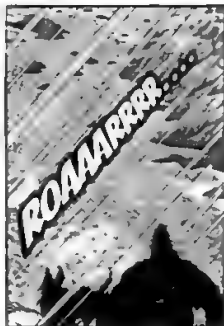
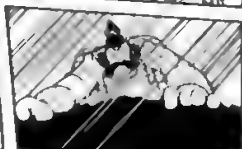
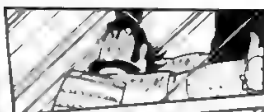
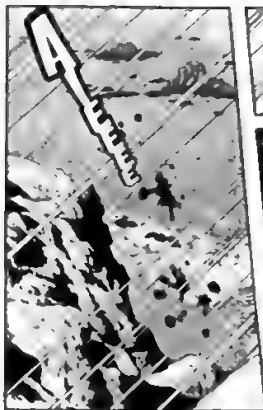
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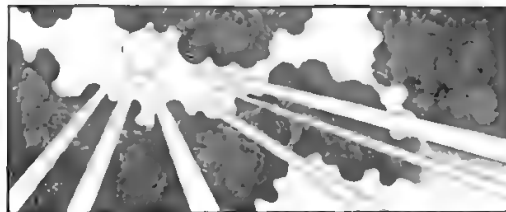
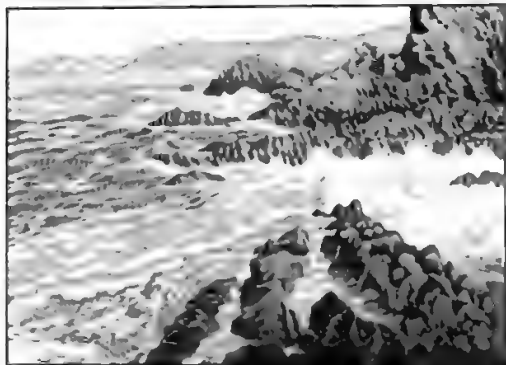
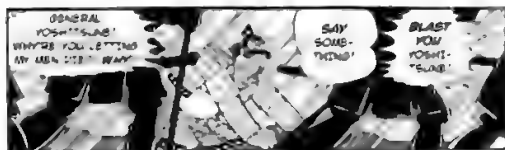
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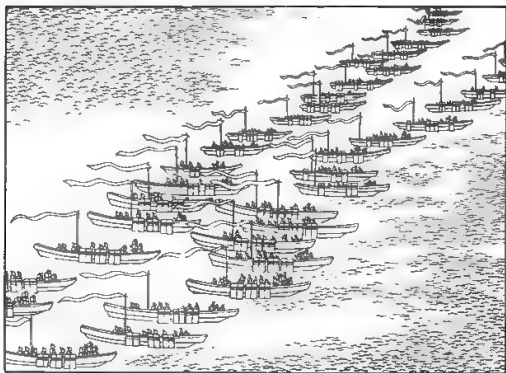




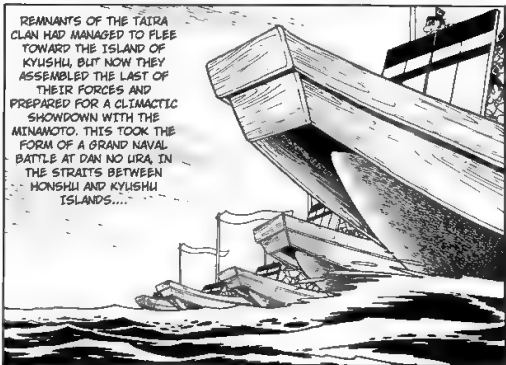


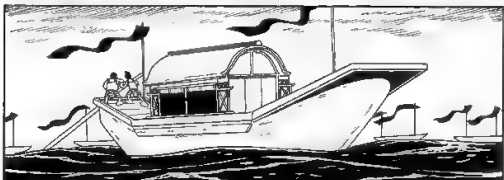


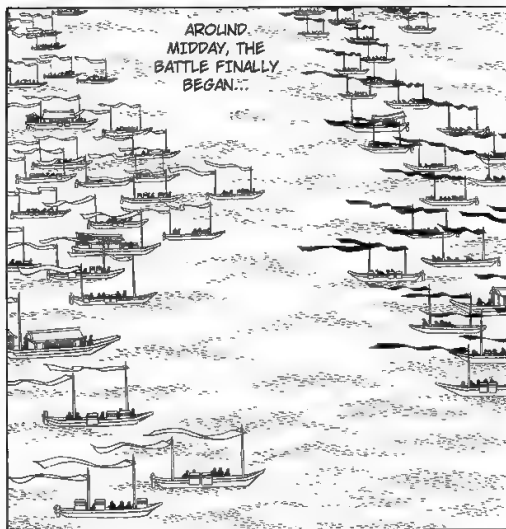
AFTER YOSHITSUNE DEFEATED
THE Taira FORCES AT
YASHIMA, ON THE 24TH
DAY OF THE 3RD MONTH,
1185, THE DAY OF FINAL
RECKONING ARRIVED...

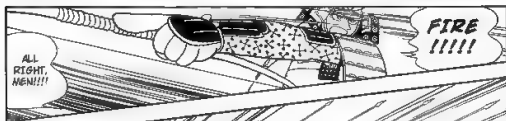


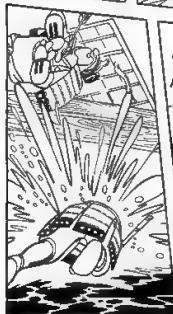
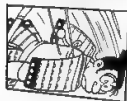
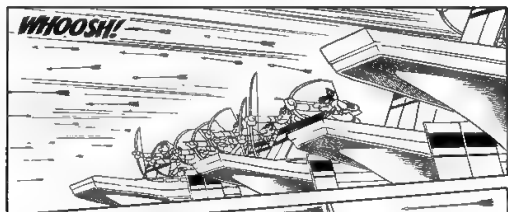
REMNANTS OF THE Taira
CLAN HAD MANAGED TO FLEE
TOWARD THE ISLAND OF
KYUSHU, BUT NOW THEY
ASSEMBLED THE LAST OF
THEIR FORCES AND
PREPARED FOR A CLIMACTIC
SHOWDOWN WITH THE
MINAMOTO. THIS TOOK THE
FORM OF A GRAND NAVAL
BATTLE AT DAN NO URU, IN
THE STRAITS BETWEEN
HONSHU AND KYUSHU
ISLANDS....





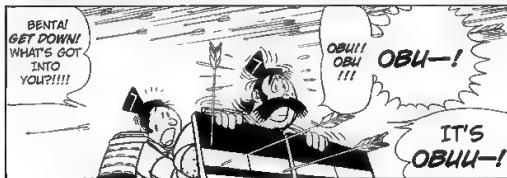
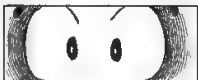
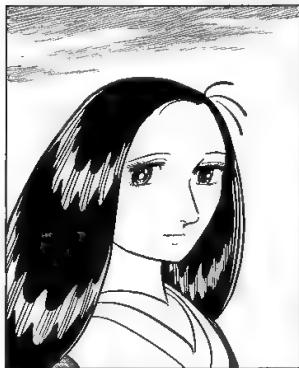
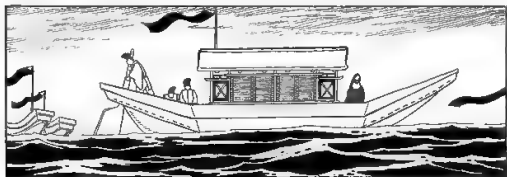


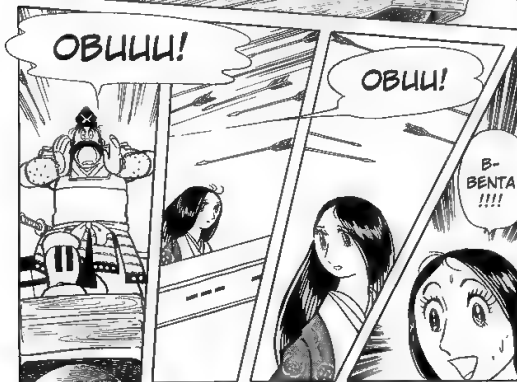
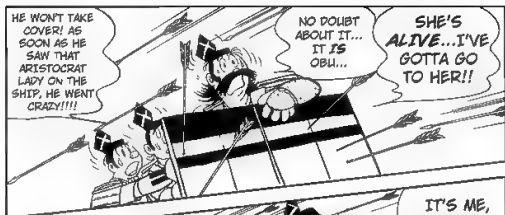


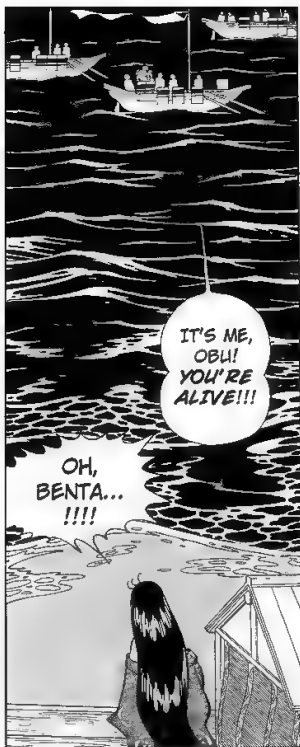


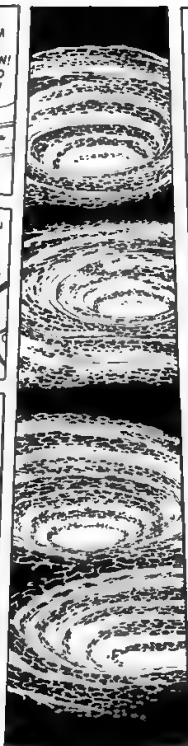
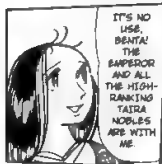








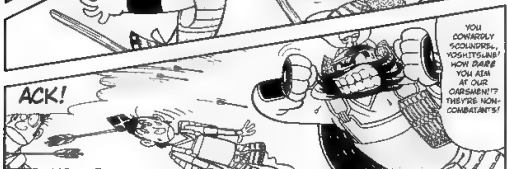
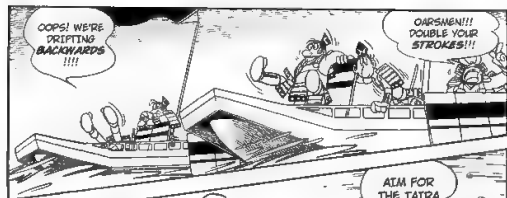


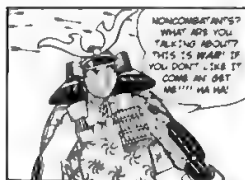


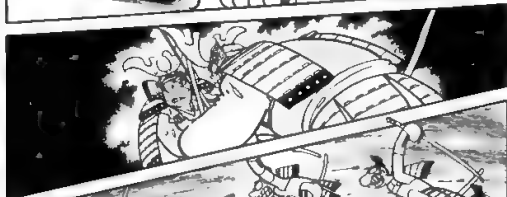


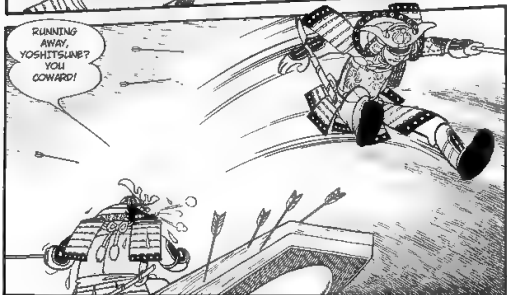
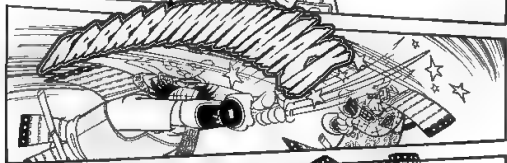
UH OH...LOOK!
WE'RE IN
TROUBLE!
THE TIDE'S
TURNING BACK
ON US...!

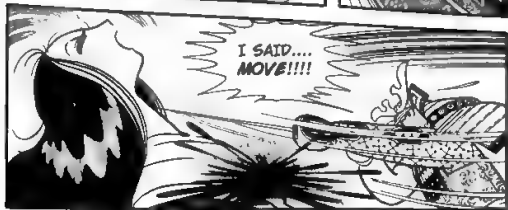
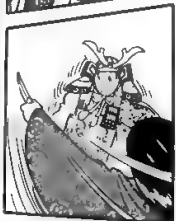
LORD BUDDHA,
HELP US! THE
MORNING TIDE'S
GIVING WAY TO
THE AFTERNOON
TIDE...!



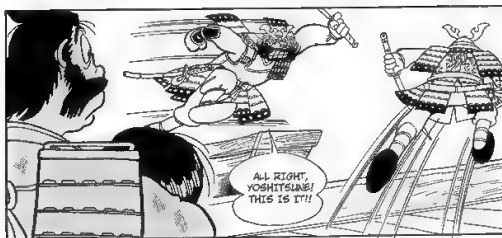
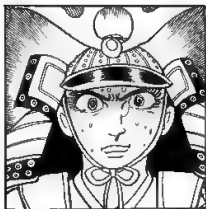


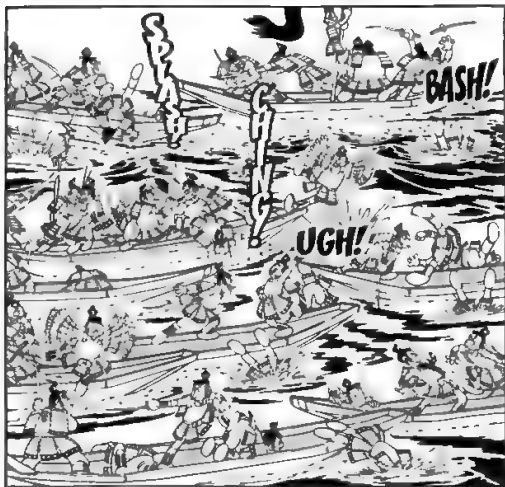




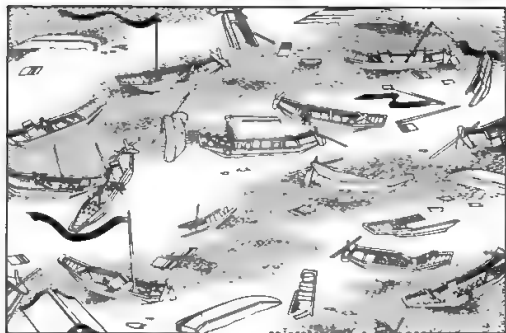
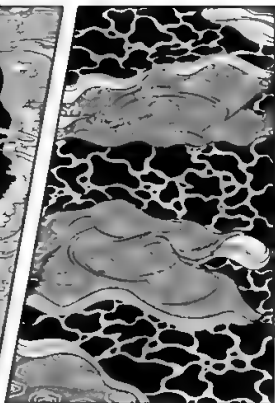
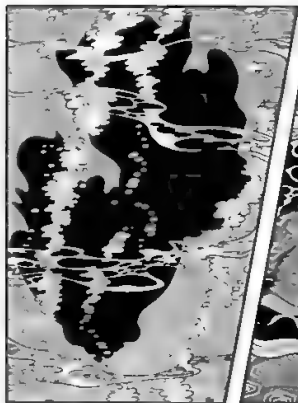


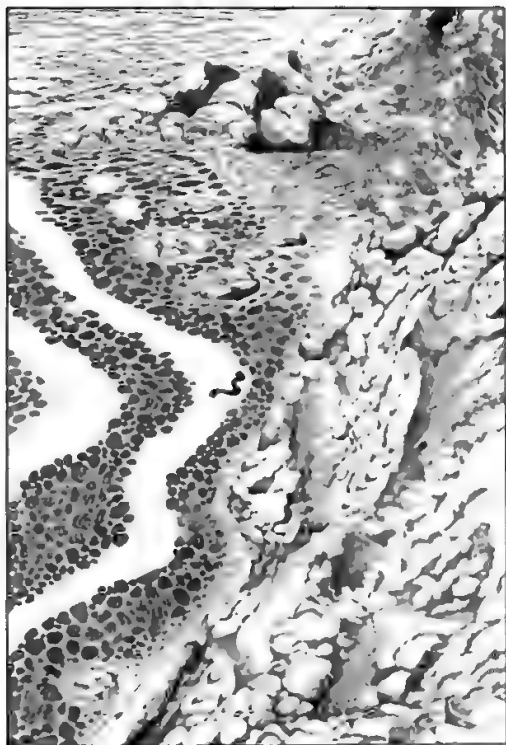


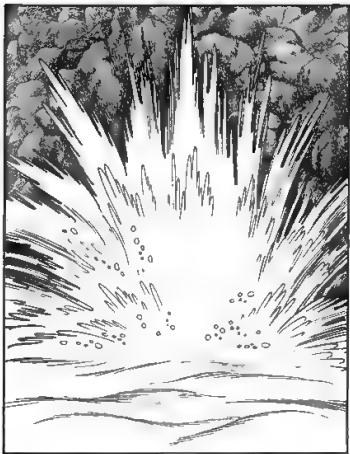
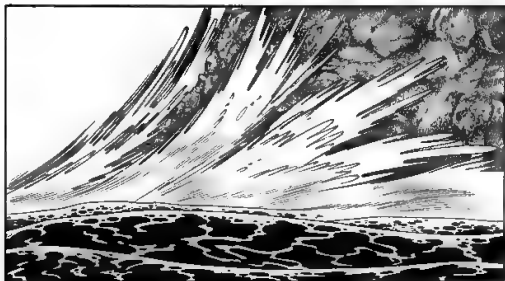












THE TAIRA
WERE
DESTROYED.
AND THE END
CAME IN A
MORE PITIFUL
AND ABRUPT
WAY THAN
ANYONE HAD
IMAGINED

IT IS OUR PLEASURE TO INFORM LORD MINAMOTO NO YORITOMO THAT THE TAIRA EMPEROR HAS BEEN SENT TO THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN.

MOREOVER, THE FOLLOWING HAVE MET THE SAME FATE:

ALL OF THE UPPER-RANKING NUNS, COUNSELOR TAIRA NO NORIMORI, DEPUTY COUNSELOR TAIRA NO TOMOMORI, TAIRA NO YOSHIMORI, GENERAL OF THE THIRD-RANK TAIRA NO SUKEMORI, LT. GENERAL TAIRA NO ARIMORI, AND COMMANDER TAIRA NO YUKIMORI.

THE LADY KENREIMON-IN AND THE YOUNG IMPERIAL PRINCE WERE SAVED.

THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN TAKEN CAPTIVE:

COUNSELOR TAIRA NO MUNEMORI, GRAND COUNSEL TAIRA NO TOKIMORI, MINISTER OF THE RIGHT TAIRA NO KIYOMUNE, FORMER DEPUTY OF THE TREASURY TAIRA NO NOBUFUKA (ALTHOUGH WOUNDED), LT. GENERAL TAIRA NO TOKISANE, AS WELL AS VARIOUS SOLDIERS AND DEPENDENTS OF THE COURT.



EGADS!
WE DID
IT!



WE
DID
IT!

WE
REALLY
DID IT!



